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# Arts & ENTERTAINMENT



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Thuso Mbedu stars in "The Underground Railroad," a new Amazon Prime Video series based on the award-winning novel by Colson Whitehead.

## The Underground Railroad

Amazon video series informs with painful images

on Amazon Prime Video, it's important to understand the genius of what you're watching. It's equally important to understand that you may not like what you see—to the point of revulsion.

BY DWIGHT BROWN

For anyone who tunes into The Underground Railroad series, now showing and available to stream

The award-winning novel by Colson Whitehead has been  
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**Portland (OR) Chapter**  
The Links, Incorporated 45th Western Area Conference.

The Portland (OR) Chapter of The Links, Incorporated is the host chapter for the all-virtual 45th Western Area Conference. The conference will be June 2-5, 2021 with the theme: "Footprints to the Future, A Whole New World".

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Singer, songwriter and producer the Weeknd, nominated for 16 Billboard Music Awards, will perform during the May 23 show on NBC.

## Music Awards Embrace The Weeknd to star in NBC broadcast

(AP) — The Weeknd will celebrate his whopping 16 nominations at the Billboard Music Awards with a performance at the show.

Drake, the show's most decorated winner of all-time, will compete with The Weeknd for top artist. Other nominees include Taylor Swift and deceased rappers Juice WRLD and Pop Smoke. Lil Baby rounds out the five nominees.

Dick Clark Productions announced that the pop star will hit the stage at the Sunday, May 23 event. It will air live on NBC starting at 5 p.m. from the Microsoft Theater in Los Angeles.

Pink will also perform at the show, where she will receive the ICON Award. Nick Jonas will host.

The Weeknd's nominations include top artist, top male artist, top R&B artist, top Billboard 200 al-